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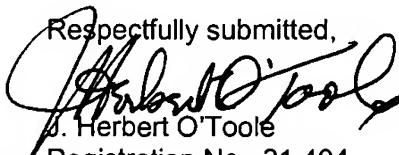
In response to the Office Action mailed 15 October 2003, applicant elects the following species for initial examination:

- a) Carrier: HSA (Human serum albumin);
- b) Drug moiety: Doxorubicin;
- c) Spacer molecule: Phenyl Acetic Acid Hydrazide; and
- d) Thiol binding group: Maleimidido.

These are the components of the A-DOXO-HYD-C structure described beginning at page 34, paragraph [0082] of the specification and are representative of one embodiment of the invention.

Applicant understands that this election of a single species of the invention is made to facilitate proper classification and to initiate examination and that, the elected species being found allowable, the remaining species disclosed and claimed will be examined.

Respectfully submitted,



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